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SUBJ: WEST AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA TRAINING CRUISE

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1. PARA 3 REFTTEL B STATED: QUOTE DEPT REQUESTED THAT CONSIDERATION ALSO BE GIVEN TO DOUALA AND LIBREVILLE. HOWEVER NAVY ADVISES THAT TIME/DISTANCE FACTORS PRECLUDE VISITING THOSE PORTS ON THIS CRUISE. END QUOTE

2. REFTTEL A NOTED THAT USS INCHON FULL COMPLEMENT WITH EMBARKED MARINES OVER 2,500. THIS EMBASSY NOTES THAT EVEN IF MARINES NOT EMBARKED, TOTAL COMPLEMENT OF THREE SHIPS EXCEEDS 1,000 OFFICERS AND MEN, MORE THAN THREE TIMES SIZE CAMEROONIAN NAVY. IN ADDITION, WHILE PRESENTLY BEING DREDGED TO 24'7", DOUALA HARBOR MAXIMUM DRAFT CORRECTLY CONSIDERED LESS THAN 24 FEET WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY BAR PORT VISIT.

3. FINALLY, BELIEVE THAT IT IMPORTANT USG NOT COMPROMISE NON-ALIGNED POSITION OF GURC. AS BASICALLY PRO-WESTERN MODERATE, GURC HAS SUPPORTED US ON NUMBER KEY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. WHILE AS FAVOR THEY MIGHT ACCEDE TO PORT VISIT, INDEED SOME MORE PRO-WESTERN ELEMENTS WOULD WELCOME THIS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT USG CARES ABOUT CAMEROON, SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE AGAINST OUR OWN
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LONG RUN BEST INTERESTS. FOR, WHILE FRENCH AND NIGERIAN NAVIES HAVE IN PAST SEVERAL YEARS SENT IN MUCH SMALLER CRAFT, IT WOULD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET PORT VISIT. CAMEROON IS AGAINST INTRODUCTION SUPER-POWER RIVALRY IN REST OF AFRICA (I.E., ANGOLA AND THE HORN). THEY COULD HARDLY WELCOME THIS PROSPECT IN THE HINGE OF AFRICA. AND, THIS VISIBLE SIGN OUR INTEREST IN CAMEROONIAN SECURITY MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION THAT WE WOULD

BE WILLING CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS.

4. THEREFORE, BEFORE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE CONCERNING
PORT VISITS, I WOULD HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSULT POSTS
AFFECTED IN ORDER TO FACTOR IN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH VISITS.
ON OUR PART, WE WILL ATTEMPT MAKE DISCRETE INQUIRY EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY SEEK CLARIFICATION GURC POSITION ON POSSIBLE
FUTURE U.S. NAVAL VISITS.
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